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Preferred Options

TMDL ELEMENTS	ELEMENT OBJECTIVE	ELEMENT COMPONENT	COMPONENT DESCRIPTION	SOURCE / SECTOR	SOURCE COMPONENT	COMPONENT DESCRIPTION
1Location Scope	Identify the name and geographic location of the impaired or threatened waterbody for which the TMDL is being established.	aCurrent 2004/2006 303(d) listed streams.	Watersheds for the North Fork Suslaw and Big Elk Creek (Siletz-Yaquina)			
		bExisting data or analysis that show water quality exceedances.	All watersheds upstream of sites that do not meet the biological index target (option 3a) or waterbodies where data or analysis demonstrate the turbidity standard (Pollutant 2b) are exceeded. Includes Siletz subbasin and many other sites in the Suslaw subbasin.			
2Pollutant	Identify the pollutant causing the impairment.	aExcessive Sedimentation	The formation of appreciable bottom or sludge deposits or the formation of any organic or inorganic deposits deleterious to fish or other aquatic life or injurious to public health, recreation, or industry may not be allowed. Road building and maintenance activities must be conducted in a manner so as to keep waste materials out of public waters and minimize erosion of cut banks, fills, and road surfaces. Waters of the State must be of sufficient quality to support aquatic species without detrimental changes in the resident biological communities.			
		bTurbidity	No more than 10% increase in natural stream turbidities as measured relative to a control point immediately upstream of the turbidity causing activity.			
3Target/ Loading Capacity	Identify numeric or measurable indicators and target values that can be used to evaluate the TMDL and the restoration of the water quality in the listed waterbody.	aBiological Index	target based on no more than 15% loss of taxa from an expected reference assemblage for which fine sediment is a contributing factor to the biological loss. The index relates directly to the narrative standard by assessing biological abundance present in the waterbody	Applies to all non-point sources except roads or discrete discharge points such as stormwater outfalls		
		bConditional Turbidity Target	No more than 10% above background as measured from a control point upstream	Applies to roads and point sources only		
4Excess Load	Identify the amount or degree by which the current pollutant load in the waterbody deviates from the pollutant load needed to attain or maintain water quality standards.	aFactor comparison	Used to compare the pollutant load or the index based targets. (e.g. if existing observed biological index is 40 and the target level is 20, then existing conditions exceed the target by a factor of two.			
5Source Assessment/ Linkage Analysis	Characterize the types, magnitudes, and locations of sources of pollutant loading to the waterbody and show how numeric targets and sources analysis results relate to each other and how they combine to yield estimates of pollutant loading capacity or needed pollutant reductions.	aPhased Assessment	Sources are described by category with their respective pollutant pathways, processes, and mechanisms summarized from the literature. Pollutant loadings are not quantified but are linked to the impairment in the study area using relative hazard indicators and/or quantified by occurrence of conditions. For specific sources such as roads and landslides, further refinement of sources are conducted as an component of the TMDL implementation plans.	Roads	High Risk Sediment Road Potential (HRSR)	A criteria matrix will establish how to identify a high risk sediment road (HRSR). Some of this criteria will be mapped using a GIS, LIDAR data, field data, or other local knowledge. The criteria matrix and map will be the starting point for establishing high priority road network locations where a road inventory and assessment will occur prior to submitting a TMDL implementation plan.
					Inventory and assessment (Phase II)	Named DMAs will be responsible for implementing a road inventory and assessment. The inventory will identify problem locations to be addressed in the sediment TMDL implementation plans.
				Landslides	Landslide hazard analysis and maps	A three tiered process will be implemented to inventory and assess Landslide prone areas (LPAs). The TMDL analysis will conduct a tier two analysis. (see attachment for more information). The tier two analysis will inventory and map existing landslides and calculate the probability of a landslide using modeling tools such as PISA-M or LAPSUS. The maps and analysis will be used to classify areas on the likelihood of human activities increasing the magnitude or severity of of landslides that contribute sediment to stream or would reduce the instream volume of wood to a stream.
				Bank Condition	Falling or unstable streambank analysis and map	A map will be produced identifying locations of unstable/downcut banks using ground observations, LIDAR data, and historical aerial photo analysis.
				Linkage Discussion and Analysis		Discussion of how banks become unstable/downcut, the relationship to sedimentation (erosion), and the human factors that contribute to unstable banks; including a discussion of riparian vegetation, and altered hydrological flows. Pollutant load estimates from falling banks may be calculated if sufficient historical aerial photos exist.
				Instream Condition	Wood volume inventory (Phase II inventory?)	A description of the current and predicted wood volume in streams utilizing wood budget analysis and multiple sources of data including ODW habitat surveys, TMAP studies, and GIS datasets. A more site specific wood inventory may be conducted and submitted as part of the TMDL implementation plan, or as part of a landslide hazard Tier III analysis.
					Linkage Discussion	Discussion of the relationship between instream wood and sedimentation (deposition) and comparison of observed wood volumes to reference site wood volumes (derived from the wood volume inventory).

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Tier	Analysis scale	Methods	Regulatory use and analysis period
1	Any scale (preliminary mapping or reconnaissance)	No field data. No modeling. Only aerial photo, LIDAR interpretation, or cursory screening using a GIS.	TMDL development
2	Regional (watershed or jurisdictional boundary)	Some field data (foot, vehicle, or air observation) or geotechnical modeling using regional field data (not site specific) or literature derived variables	TMDL development or as part of a TMDL implementation plan.
3	Site specific (harvest unit, development unit)	Site conditions are field verified and used in conjunction with analysis for landslide hazard by certified geotechnical engineers. The proposed site plan shall demonstrate there is no increase in sedimentation to streams or decrease wood delivery to streams below instream wood volume targets.	TMDL development, or submitted as part of the TMDL Implementation plan, or during a DMA review and permitting process approved by DEQ.